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Via U.S. Mail

Re: *Draft EIS/Mats Mats Quarry*
Dear Mr. Gibbs:

We offer the following on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Mats Mats Quarry Operation, issued by the Washington Department of Natural Resources on January 29, 2002.

Page Number	Proposed Revision	Basis for Revision
S-4	Under "Risk of Explosion", the third bullet point of the "Proposed Action" should be revised to state: "With the proposed blasting standards, no significant impacts resulting from fly rock would be anticipated."	Typographical error.
S-11	The first bullet point under "Flyrock" should be revised to state: "When used, to the extent practicable, lifters would be oriented so that they do not point, and are not oriented, towards off-site structures."	In some instances, it will not be feasible to direct lifters away from off-site structures. Other required mitigation measures will ensure that off-site structures remain safe in this situation.

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S-11, 3.2-10	Under "Air Quality" on page S-11, and Section 3.2.5 of page 3.2-10, the following change should be made to the first sentence: "In spite of the implementation of best available control technologies, aggregate mining and reclamation operations would continue to cause some air pollutant emissions incrementally at the project site and along the haul route from the facility."	There are air emissions under existing conditions. The proposal will continue, but not increase, air pollutant emissions.
2-1	Under Section 2.3, the description of operating hours should be changed as follows: "In recent years, barging, extraction, and stock-piling have generally occurred between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On limited occasions, barging has occurred after 7:00 p.m. during daylight hours."	To clarify existing hours of operation.
2-3, 3.7-1	On page 2-3, under "Topography", change sixth sentence as follows: "Shoreline topography in the vicinity of the barge-loading area along the eastern edge of the site slopes gently to the west and toward the interior of the site." (Same change to second paragraph of 3.7-1.)	To clarify site topography.
2-3	Under "Land Use Designations and Zoning", make the following deletion: ""	The project does not include any new mineral processing facilities.
Figures 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 3.3-1, 3.4-1, 3.5-1	All figures should be modified as necessary to reflect the fact that the property depicted as Parcel 12 on Figure 1 of Appendix I has been purchased by Northwest Aggregates.	To clarify property boundaries.
3.3-2 to 3.3-3	Last sentence of 3.3-2 and first sentence of 3.3-3 should be revised to state: "Stormwater from the southern portion of the site is conveyed to a drainage system made up of a series of four ponds. The first pond dissipates hydraulic energy and allows the second, third and fourth ponds to settle out sediments more effectively."	To accurately describe current stormwater discharge system.
Figure 3.3-2	Add location of EB33	To accurately reflect all exploration borings.

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3.5-9	In the second paragraph of the section on "2001 Measurements", insert the following sentence after "March 22, 2001": "All mining, haulage, and on-site plant facilities were operating when these measurements were conducted."	To clarify status of operations when noise measurements were taken.
3.8-9	The second sentence of the "Discussion" section should be revised to state: "The Proposed Action involves the continuation of reclamation and mining activities and does not involve any new uses on development within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark."	To clarify that use of the barge-loading facility to import reclamation material is an aspect of the pre-existing shoreline use.

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We appreciate your consideration of these comments as you prepare the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Dean McDonald
Mats Mats Quarry Superintendent

Enclosures

Response to Letter 5

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1. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Summary* section of this Final EIS for the revision.
2. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Summary* section of this Final EIS for the revision.
3. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Air Quality* section of this Final EIS for the revision.
4. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Description of Operations* section (Chapter 2) of this Final EIS for the revision.
5. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Description of Operations* section (Chapter 2) and the *Land Use Patterns* section of this Final EIS for the revision.
6. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Description of Operations* section (Chapter 2) of this Final EIS for the revision.
7. Comment acknowledged. The cited figures have been revised to reflect the fact that Parcel 12 has been purchased by Glacier Northwest.
8. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Groundwater* section of this Final EIS for the revision.
9. Comment acknowledged. Figure 3.3-2 has been revised to reflect Exploration Boring 33. Please refer to Figure 3.3-2 of the *Groundwater* section of this FEIS.
10. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Noise* section of this Final EIS for the revision.
11. Comment acknowledged. The cited discussion has been revised. Please refer to the *Land Use – Relationship to Plans and Policies* section of this Final EIS for the revision.